Children deprived of school education

2183. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of children in the age group of 6 to 14 in the country are still not attending any school;

(b) if so, according to Government information, what is their number, State-wise, particularly in big cities, who are mainly the children of domestic helps and construction workers; and

(c) how Government propose to tackle this problem to discharge their constitutional liability and by when that target is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The number of out of school children has declined from 4.4 crore in 2001 to 75.97 lakhs in March, 2007, which is 3.8% of the total children in the age group of 6-14 years. State-wise break-up of out of school children as per State reports CIS of March, 2007, is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Context specific interventions for children who are "hard to reach" such as bridge courses, learning centres with flexible timings, seasonal hostels, home based education, mobile schools, have been taken up under SSA. The Government of India has undertaken 17 orientation and capacity building workshops with States/ UTs with illustrative case studies of good practices, to encourage State/districts to do such context specific interventions.

Statement

State-wise break-up of out of school children of March, 2007

Sl. No.	Name of the States	Number of out of school children in the States and UTs (6-14 years) as on March, 2007
1	2	3
1	Andaman and Nicobar	133
2	Andhra Pradesh	264013
3	Arunachal Pradesh	30565
4	Assam	338834
5	Bihar	2119584
6	Chandigarh	5505
7	Chhattisgarh	123632
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1614

1	2	3
9	Daman and Diu	201
10	Delhi	30001
11	Goa	7699
12	Gujarat	134643
13	Haryana	238847
14	Himachal Pradesh	5624
15	Jammu and Kashmir	108560
16	Jharkhand	209662
17	Karnataka	174533
18	Kerala	20790
19	Lakshadweep	168
20	Madhya Pradesh	296979
21	Maharashtra	136892
22	Manipur	54351
23	Meghalaya	37234
24	Mizoram	4913
25	Nagaland	35335
26	Orissa	537841
27	Pondicherry	326
28	Punjab	227645
29	Rajasthan	163894
30	Sikkim	3204
31	Tamil Nadu	103261
32	Tripura	15376
33	Uttar Pradesh	785524
34	Uttaranchal	22230
35	West Bengal	1357601
	ALL INDIA:	7597214